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From: lrrwrome@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2001 5:46 PM
To: Y12EIS
Subject: new bomb plant

To: US Dept of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office
Attn: Gary Hartman

Dear Mr. Hartman:

This is to express my astonishment and outrage over plans to build a new \$4-billion-dollar bomb plant in the new "National Security Complex" at Oak Ridge, TN. This is, in the literal sense of the word, insanity. We already have a surfeit of atomic weapons; there are missiles with atomic warheads poised in silos all over the United States. We have also used, with disastrous results, depleted uranium ammunition in the Balkans and Vieques, Puerto Rico. The old argument to support such madness was MAD--Mutual Assured Destruction--via-a-vis the Soviet Union. The US is no longer threatened by the USSR, which no longer exists. What is the logic behind the Oak Ridge plans, pray tell? Who are the enemy or enemies that the US is defending itself from? The hungry in the underdeveloped nations? Would this proposed expenditure not be better employed in helping to eradicate hunger? But, perhaps, this will serve a good purpose after all. It will reinvigorate the massive peace movement in this country and reveal to sane citizens just what madness threatens us. Perhaps we will finally attain a real and lasting peace--unless we are destroyed first by the Dr. Strangeloves in Washington and our military-industrial complex.

Very Sincerely,

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Comment noted. The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. There is no proposal to expand capabilities or to increase nuclear weapons production at Y-12.

In accordance with Section 91 of the *Atomic Energy Act*, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress. This consent and direction is contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.